

Concrete Mathematics

Homework Set 3

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Problem 1 Show that $(x + y)^4 = x^0y^4 + 4x^1y^3 + 6x^2y^2 + 4x^3y^1 + x^4y^0$.

Problem 2 Let $\Delta^1 f(x) = \Delta f(x) = f(x + 1) - f(x)$ and $\Delta^m f(x) = \Delta(\Delta^{m-1} f(x))$ for integers $m \geq 2$. Show that $\Delta^n x^n = n!$ for all integers $n \geq 1$.

Problem 3 Prove the following *Quotient Rule*:

$$\Delta \left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) = \frac{g(x)\Delta f(x) - f(x)\Delta g(x)}{g(x)g(x+1)}.$$

Problem 4 Prove that $\Delta \sin x = 2 \sin(\frac{1}{2}) \cos(x + \frac{1}{2})$. Also show that $\Delta \cos x = -2 \sin(\frac{1}{2}) \sin(x + \frac{1}{2})$.

Problem 5 Evaluate $\sum_{k=1}^n \sin k$ by finite calculus. Check whether your result equals to $\frac{\sin(\frac{n+1}{2}) \sin(\frac{n}{2})}{\sin(\frac{1}{2})}$.